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Town of Elma

1600 Bowen Road, Elma, New York 14059

RUBBISH PICK-UP FOR 2006

APRIL 3RD - RUBBISH
APRIL 17TH - BRUSH

OCTOBER 2ND - RUBBISH
OCTOBER 16TH - BRUSH

We are changing the procedure by dividing the brush dates from the rubbish dates. By doing this residents won't have brush piles ruining their lawns during the time that we are working on the rubbish.

REGULATIONS FOR PICK-UP

1. BULK ITEMS ONLY
These pickups are designed to assist residents with large items that they are unable to transport to the Transfer Station.

2. Tires will **NOT** be picked up. There is a $2.00 per PASSENGER CAR tire payable at the Town Hall prior to taking tires to the designated drop off.

3. NO GARBAGE

4. There must be a residence on the property. (No vacant lots.)

5. NO BUILDING MATERIALS will be picked up. Work done commercially will not be picked up by the Town - roofing, siding, gutters, whole trees, etc.

6. Pool liners and carpeting MUST BE CUT into easily managed pieces.

7. NO 55 GALLON DRUMS.

8. Brush must be piled in one direction only with butt ends towards the road. **Keep branches as long as possible.**

9. Small branches and twigs must be bundled in suitable containers.

10. DO NOT put any items at the road side more than 48 hours prior to the above dates.

11. NO RETURN TRIPS.

12. NO RECYCLABLES.

Recycling is mandatory in New York State.
Our facility on Creek Rd. currently has containers for recyclables.

Pizza boxes and similar items that have had contact with food are **NOT ACCEPTED** as **PAPER** recyclables. Although not mandatory it would be greatly appreciated that tin cans, glass and plastic be rinsed before recycling to assist us with odor and bee problems.

Brush is now accepted at the Transfer Station year round during normal hours.
As the brush is processed, mulch will be available at the Transfer Station to Town residents at no cost.

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PLEASE READ

IMPORTANT CHANGES IN RABIES VACCINATION REQUIREMENTS

Effective January 15, 2006 no dog license may expire after the expiration date of the dog's rabies vaccination. If your dog is due for a rabies vaccination booster during the next year, you must have it boostered NOW in order to have a full year license. If you choose not to have your dog vaccinated now you will still need to pay the full annual fee and you will need to renew your dog license again after it has been vaccinated.

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Town of Elma's Conservation Board

Devoted to the preservation and improvement of the quality of the natural and man-made environment within the Town of Elma in the face of population growth.

Conservation Board Members front row: Bryant Zilke,Glenn Reinhardt, William Jackson, Fred Streif; Chairman, Diane Rohl; Recording Secretary. Back row: William Massaro, Marc Schneckenberger, Ray Boy, Kenneth Schroeder.

Development throughout the Town of Elma is increasing, putting farmers and other owners of large parcels of land under pressure to sell their properties to developers. As a result, the Elma Town Board formed the Elma Conservation Board to help identify, maintain and promote open space within the Town.

The new Board consists of seven members and two alternates. They were chosen after interviews with members of the Town Board. The appointees are: Frederick Streif, Chairman, 1 year; William Massaro 2 years; Raymond Boy 3 years; Marc Schneckenberger 4 years; William Jackson 5 years; Glenn Reinhardt 6 years; Bryant Zilke, 7 years; with Diane Rohl and Kenneth Schroeder as alternates.

One of the Board's main objectives will be to identify farmlands and open spaces with the environmental features that should be preserved if the rural character of the Town is to be maintained. In the future the Conservation Board will request, promote and solicit landowners. Federal, State and local grants will also be investigated in an attempt to help implement the preservation of these properties.

The Conservation Board held its first meeting on Tuesday, January 24th at 8:00pm in the Elma Town Hall. Subsequent meetings will be held on the 4th Tuesday of each month. Town Supervisor Michael Nolan gave a brief

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Elma Public Library News

Dave Engberg

The recent cutbacks in County funding for the Buffalo and Erie County Public Library System has resulted in a budget for 2006 that reduces the Elma Library schedule of hours from six days (47 hours) to funding for four days only (28 hours) of operation and minimal funds are allotted for the purchase of new material.

The Friends and Trustees of the Elma Public Library are conducting a fund raising program to keep the library open five days per week (35 hours) and allow the purchase of new books.

The program has been successful in raising enough operating funds to keep the Library open five days per week for the first quarter of 2006, but unless more contributions are made the library will only be open four days per week starting in April.

A gift container is available in the lobby for small donations, but larger, tax-deductible donations can be made by check to the library.

The Elma Friends of the Elma Public Library held a book sale and bake goods sale at the Town Hall during tax season to raise funds for the Elma Library.

EMW Baseball Registration dates are scheduled for 2006

Wednesday, February 15, 6:30-8:30pm
Wednesday, March 1, 6:30-8:30pm
Saturday, March 4, 10:00am to 2:00pm
Boys & Girls Born 1989-2001 are eligible

There will be no increase in registration fees from last year. There will be a late charge after March 4th.

Registration will be held in the Iroquois Middle School cafeteria.

For more information contact Greg Filipski 652-1924

Town of Elma Announces Changes to Dog Licensing Program

New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets and the Town of Elma announce changes to the dog licensing program, effective January 15, 2006. The new law requires that a dog license may not be issued for a time period extending beyond the expiration date of a dog's rabies certificate.

Dog licenses issued on and after January 15, 2006 must not expire after the expiration date of the dog's rabies certificate. In order to receive a full years license, a dog that is due for a rabies vaccination booster within the next license year would need to be immunized prior to license renewal.

This change effects all dogs in New York State, except those licensed in New York City which has a separate dog licensing law.

Pursuant to the New York State Public Health Law, County public health authorities must offer free clinics at least every four months for the rabies vaccination for dogs, as well as for cats and domesticated ferrets.

For more information regarding the changes to the dog licensing program contact the Town Clerk's office at 652-3260. Monday through Friday, 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM.

Eagle Scouts Brian W. Thompson and Robert W. Waver III Honored by Town Board.

At the January 18th Town Board meeting Eagle Scouts Robert Waver III and Brian Thompson were recognized by the Board for their achievements in obtaining the rank of Eagle Scout.

Robert W. Waver III, son of Donna and Robert Waver, Jr., is currently a junior at Iroquois High School and is a member of the National Honor Society.

As a student, he has received the Sons of the American Revolution Bronze Good Citizenship Medal and the President's Award for Academic Excellence. He has participated in many hours of community service to include Adopt-A-Highway and other community clean up programs, Kiwanis Pancake Breakfasts and Memorial Day and Veterans Day Parades.

Bob began his scouting career as a Webelo Scout and earned the Arrow of Light in 2000. He continued his scouting career as a Boy Scout by joining Troop 238 of Elma. In September he transferred to Troop 290.

Upon graduation he plans to attend college and pursue a career in civil engineering.

Brian W. Thompson is the son of Edward and Wendy Thompson. He is currently a junior at Iroquois High School. Brian has competed on the Varsity Track and Field team, receiving Scholar Athlete recognition, as well as Varsity Golf, and Modified and Junior Varsity Soccer. Brian has received several honors in school.

He has received the Presidents Award for Educational Excellence, is a member of the National Honor Society, and has been on the honor roll every semester since sixth grade.

Following his high school graduation, Brian plans on attending college and majoring in History.

An active member in his community, Brian played for the Tri-Town and E.M.W. Soccer organizations, and has been referee for E.M.W. Soccer for the past five years. Through Scouting, Brian has participated in community service endeavors such as town cleanup, parades, pancake breakfasts, and camp projects at Schoellkopf Scout Reservation and Scouthaven.

Brian began his Scouting career in the Fall of 1995 as a tiger cub in pack 290, and received the Arrow of Light in the Spring of 2000. Following his completion of Cub Scouts, Brian entered Troop 290.

Elma Volunteer Fire Company Ladies Auxiliary upcoming events

Spaghetti Dinner Feb. 19th
11- 4pm
French Toast Breakfast March 19th
8 -1:00pm
Flea Market April 1st
9 -2:00pm

Around Town...

EMW Boys and Girls Club 24th Annual Auction

The EMW Boys and Girls Club has announced that their 24th Annual Auction will be held on March 4, 2006.

Starting at 6:30 at the Elma Fire Hall, with a Silent Chinese and Live Auction by Duke Dygert. Music will be provided by Mark Rice. Beverages & finger foods will be available.

Donated "Like New" items are needed. If there is something you would like to donate, you may call 652-9292 or they may be dropped off at the Boy's and Girl's Club on Girdle Rd.

Conservation Board

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overview of the philosophy of the Town Board. It was suggested by Chairman Fred Streif that members familiarize themselves with the Town Code, Town maps, books and web sites on land conservation. Future meetings will focus on exploring various land conservation methods, developing criteria for determination of eligibility, and designing an application form.

From the Kiwanis Club of Elma...

The Elma Kiwanis Club is in the process of publishing their 2006-2007 Telephone Directory. If you have a change in your listing, phone number, address, etc., please mail the blue or yellow card located in the back of your directory to the Elma Kiwanis Club, P.O. Box 132, Elma, New York 14059.

This will help us keep the book up to date.

Elma Town Hall
1600 Bowen Rd. Elma, New York 14059
Hours: 8:00 am to 4:00 pm Mon.-Fri.
Tax Time: Sat. 9:00-12:00 Only

Elma Historical Society Notes

The Town of Elma will be celebrating it's Sesquicentennial in 2007 (150 yrs). Plans are in the making for this to be an exciting celebration for the entire community. The Elma Historical Society is working with the committee on collecting information on the years after 1957. If you have any thoughts that might be of interest, please contact the Society, or write it down and drop it off at the Town Hall.

The Historical Society is selling patches for a quilt that will carry the names of Elma residents. The sale of the patches will help defray the cost of printing of the third edition of Elma's history from 1956 to 2006. Applications for the quilt my be picked up at the Town Hall or call Carol Metz at 652-2069.

Erie County Sheriff Tim Howard Responds...

Sheriff Tim Howard

The February 1, 2006 Elma Review contained an editorial regarding police protection and taxes. I was pleased to see an article that recognized both the importance of adequate police protection and the financial burden it places on the taxpayers.

Before being elected as Erie County Sheriff, my police career included employment with Village, Town and State Police agencies. I am proud to say that the level of cooperation among these agencies has never been greater. The State Police and the Erie County Sheriffs's office have a formal agreement mandating that requests for police response be assigned to the closest available car. When multiple cars are dispatched to these calls, more often than not, they come from both police agencies. Deputies and Troopers often assist other police agencies, while the officers of those agencies are sometimes called to reciprocate. However, the NYS Criminal Procedure Law generally limits police authority to the officer's geographic area of employment.

Deputies and Troopers provide a base level of police services available to all residents within their respective "geographical area of employment". These agencies divide their limited resources amongst the communities wishing to receive them.

Communities that desire, or require, a more intense or more customized level of service than that available from State and County, sometimes form their own police agencies. As in most service plans or contracts, the base plan is the least expensive, while more services can be added at additional cost.

It is my belief that local governments should determine what level of service they want or require, but the county and state should continue with their cooperative efforts to provide a base level of service to those communities who desire to receive it. A preliminary review of our financial records indicates that the larger communities of Erie County are the largest users of the Erie County Jail, which is more than 80% of our total budget, while generally the smaller communities make somewhat greater use of our patrol resources. However, the total expenditure of Sheriff's resources parallels the population of the most, while the smallest communities (Colden, Marilla, Holland) receive the least.

I believe that all Erie County government expenditures should be broken down by municipality and compared to the tax revenue generated from there. While this should not be the only criteria for determining the equitable distribution of county resources, it would give us a better picture of where government money is being spent.